

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application. Claims 15-19 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 2, 4-14 are rejected. Claim 3 is objected to. Claims 1 and 12 are herein amended. No new matter has been entered. Claim 3 is herein canceled.

Objections to the Drawings

Figure 5 is objected to for containing the reference label “15”. Applicants respectfully note that this objection was addressed with a replacement Figure 5 submitted with the Response dated November 12, 2004. Applicants include a copy of the previously submitted Replacement Fig. 5 for the Examiner’s convenience.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

Claims 1, 2, and 4-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Lee et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,844,604).

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. in view of Harada (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0084736).

Applicants’ Response to Rejections

Applicants herein amend claim 1 by importing the limitations from claim 3, indicated as allowable, and subsequently cancel claim 3. Applicants submit that the importation of allowable

limitations into claim 1 provides patentable distinction over the cited references and combinations thereof.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

To the extent necessary, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension of time or any other fees that may be due with respect to the filing of this paper may be charged to the deposit account of Westerman, Hattori, Daniels & Adrian, LLP, Deposit Account No. 50-2866 (Atty. Docket No. 030823). Similarly, any excess fees may be credited to the above deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Previously Submitted Replacement Fig. 5.